(c) to (e) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have also requested for sanction of an additional Rs. 100 crores under Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for women's self help groups. The funds under the SGSY are allocated to the States/UTs on the basis of criteria evolved in consultation with the Planning Commission. Moreover, the funds under the programme are not available to meet the additional requirements as projected by the State Government. Accordingly, the proposal for additional funds has not been agreed to.

Posts of Hindi Translators / Officers / Assistants

2840. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Hindi Translators / Hindi Officers / Assistants created in the Ministry and allied PSUs / Attached and Subordinate Offices for propagation of Hindi as official language and encouragement of Hindi Correspondences;

(b) the number of such posts lying vacant and since when; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fill-up such posts urgently?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) The number of posts of Hindi Translator / Hindi Officer / Assistant created in the Ministry of Rural Development for propagation of Hindi as official language and encouragement of Hindi correspondences are as under—

1. Deputy Director (Official Language)	— 1
2. Assistant Director (Official Language)	— 4
3. Senior Hindi Translator	— 2
4. Junior Hindi Translator	— 8

(b) and (c) At present four posts of Junior Hindi Translator are lying vacant. Out of these, two posts are lying vacant since June, 1999 and other two posts since June, 2000. All the posts created in the Ministry of Rural Development for propagation of Hindi as

official language have been included in the Central Secretariat Official Language Service and the recruitment to the posts included in the Central Secretariat Official Language Service is made by the Department of Official Language. The vacancies in the cadre of Junior Hindi Translator have been reported to them for nominating candidates to fill in the vacant posts at the earliest.

Water supply schemes forwarded by Government of Assam

2841. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of water supply schemes forwarded by the Government of Assam for sanction and approval of Government under the various Centrally-sponsored schemes during the last three years;

(b) if so, whether the above schemes have sanctioned;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (d) Drinking water supply being a State subject, the schemes for supply of safe drinking water are implemented by the State Governments from their own resources. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Prime Minister's Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) and the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP). Powers have been delegated to the States to plan, sanction and implement individual rural water supply schemes. Hence, State Governments are not required to seek the approval of Government of India for implementing individual rural drinking water supply schemes, except in the case of sector reform pilot projects for institutionalising community participation in the Rural Water Supply Programme. Proposals received from the State Government of Assam in respect of the sector reform projects in the following identified pilot districts of the State have been